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1. Between 10:30 and 11:40 p.m. on 9 July 1952, individual flights by IL-10s were made at Doeberitz airfield. About 2 p.m. on 11 July, 7 IL-10s made formation flights. Aircraft observed aloft included 3 IL-10s at 2:20 p.m. and 9 IL-10s at 4:30 p.m. At 4:35 p.m., seven IL-10s approached the field from the southeast. (1)

2. On 12 July, [REDACTED] the current consumption in June had been decreased by 67,000 kw/h when compared with the consumption in May. (2) A high board fence was under construction at the field. The road to Priort which was previously open to civilian traffic was blocked to civilian vehicles on 12 July.

3. [REDACTED] air activity in progress at the field during the mornings of 7, 8, 9 and 11 August. Flying was observed on 12 August between 7 and 10:30 p.m. There was no air activity at the field between 2:30 and 5 p.m. on 13 August. An estimated 50 IL-10s, 28 of which were counted, were parked along the Heerstrasse. Twenty-four additional IL-10s were parked near the hangars on the southern edge of the field. Two tank trucks were observed at the field. At 5 p.m., the radio truck moved to its position. [REDACTED] that preparations for night flying were in progress.

4. On 4 September between 2 and 4:30 p.m., flights were observed. [REDACTED] activity [REDACTED] between 8 and 11 p.m. An estimated 45 IL-10s, 37 of which were counted, were parked along Heerstrasse. Twenty-three IL-10s were parked in front of the hangars on the southern edge of the field. (1)

5. On 13 August, the board fence along Heerstrasse was completed. Six AA guns and a canvas-covered set were observed in the previously reported emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field. The excavated positions in the emplacement near the fuel dump were vacant. Only four tents were still observed there. (3) Protective walls around the AA guns in the emplacement located in the southwestern corner of the field were constructed. Nine tents were observed there. On 4 September

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the instrument set previously located in the middle of the emplacement could no longer be observed. [redacted] it was emplaced at a lower level. Also guns were emplaced deeper in the ground. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were working in the emplacement. The walls were not camouflaged as yet.

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6. The radio installation which was previously reported as a decimeter installation and located at an angle of 45 degrees to Heerstrasse, was parallel to Heerstrasse on 4 September. [redacted] the masts were of steel. [redacted] (4)

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7. The concrete air raid shelters were not yet set up. Three such shelters were observed near the entrance to the field. (5)

- 25X1 3. On 4 September, [redacted] an embankment about 1.5 meters high was being raised parallel to Heerstrasse between the parked aircraft and the buildings on the northern edge of the field. The side of the embankment toward the field was covered by reed work. It appeared that the aircraft were to be parked between the embankment and the buildings. This construction work could not be observed from the road to Priort. In the northwestern corner of the field there were 3 or 4 shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments made of timber. The two sides were filled with sand. Each revetment was large enough for 2 or 3 aircraft. (6)

9. Motor vehicles which entered and left the field included:

Radio trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] a tank trailer, and a small truck [redacted]

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) According to previous information, Doeberitz airfield is occupied by two ground attack regiments. The aircraft of one regiment are parked on the northern edge of the field along Heerstrasse, while the planes of the other regiment are parked in the southern section of the field. The present report indicates that this occupation has not been changed.

- 25X1 (2) [redacted] 94,900 and 141,000 kw/h were consumed in April and May respectively. [redacted] This indicates that the consumption in June amounted to 74,000 kw/h.

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- 25X1 (3) [redacted] the AA guns moved from the emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field to the northwestern corner on 19 July. [redacted] The present report indicates that the AA guns apparently returned to the emplacement in the southwestern corner.

- 25X1 (4) The radio installation which was reported previously was believed to be a PKV-45 RF station because of the number of masts. [redacted] However upon [redacted] the five masts are located in one row.

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- 25X1 (5) [redacted] eight concrete air raid shelters on 10 July 1952. The shelters probably are one-man concrete bunkers which possibly came from Brandenburg-Adado airfield. Seventeen such bunkers were loaded in Brandenburg-Adado on 7 or 8 July. [redacted]

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- (6) The construction of shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments was reported from other ground attack airfields and from Stendal airfield. It is noteworthy that the Russians have intensified the construction of active and passive air defense installations at the airfields in Eastern Germany since about mid-May 1952. So far, information has been received on the improvement and occupation of AA gun emplacements, the construction of shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments, the erection of one-man concrete bunkers, alert practices and the assignment of alert flights to fighter airfields.

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